

SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

---In addition, as shown in FIG. 3B and FIGS. 5A and 5B, socket reinforcing metal fittings 14 are embedded in both end portions 16 of the socket body 11 in longitudinal direction (*i.e., in the direction of the longitudinal extent of the reinforcing metal fittings 14 which correspond to the width-wise direction of the socket*) by insert molding. The socket reinforcing metal fitting 14 has a pair of fixed portions 14a respectively protruding outward from the lower ends of the side walls 13 of the socket body 11, a coupling portion 14b of substantially reverse U-shape coupling between a pair of the fixed portions 14a and embedded in the socket body 11, and an extension portion 14c embedded in the side wall 13 of the socket body 11 in the longitudinal direction and forming a substantially U-shaped section with the coupling portion 14b (referring to FIG. 5B). The extension portion 14c itself is substantially L-shape, and the fixed portion 14a of the socket reinforcing metal fitting 14 is arranged to protrude in a direction substantially perpendicular to the side wall 13 from the extension portion 14c and to be substantially the same height as the terminal portions 23 of the socket contacts 20. When the terminal portions 23 of the socket contacts 20 are soldered on a conductive pattern of a circuit board, the fixed portions 14a of the socket reinforcing metal fitting 14 are soldered on lands of the circuit board simultaneously. Thereby, fixing strength of the socket body 11 to the circuit board can be reinforced. Furthermore, the stress applied to the socket contact 20 when the socket 10 and the header 30 are connected can be reduced by the fixed portions 14a of the socket reinforcing metal fittings 14. Since the socket reinforcing

metal fittings 14 are inserted into both end portions 16 and both side walls 13 in the longitudinal direction of the socket body 11, the mechanical strength of the socket body 11 can be increased. Furthermore, it is possible to make both end portions 16 and both side walls of the socket body 11 thinner in comparison with the case that the socket reinforcing metal fittings are press-fitted into the socket body 11.---